



principle of completion in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction;

an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence in which sales are summed up upon occurrence of the transaction; and

an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction.

4. An apparatus according to claim (3) wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon occurrence of the transaction, a prepayment of a total amount is necessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a postdelivery with respect to said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of occurrence.

5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein in the case where said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as an unsettled transaction type, said management control unit:

sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip

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registration of goods, a registration of an amount of payment, a confirmation of a payment of a total amount, an error display in case of unpayment, and an issue of a customer copy with said slip number; and

5 sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, a display of incomplete transaction information by an input of the slip number, a registration of a delivery, a sum-up of sales amounts, and a termination of the incomplete transaction.

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8. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon occurrence of the transaction, a prepayment is unnecessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a predelivery with respect to said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence.

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9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein in the case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as an unsettled transaction type, said management control unit:

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sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip number, an input of a delivery date of goods, a registration of goods, a registration of an amount of

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